



We Shall Be Like Him – The Good Shepherd!
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
April 25, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12 and John 10:11-18 with 1 John 3:1-2

I would never have discovered the truth that we, the children of God, will be like Jesus, the Good Shepherd, if it wasn't for St. John's letter! Would you? That we are to be the Good Shepherds to lay down our lives for those we lead – is St. John serious?

The message in the Word of God centers on our freely responding to the decision Jesus made by choosing us to be saved and sent – baptized and confirmed. Peter freely gives to the cripple the healing gift entrusted to him. The shepherd freely does so as well.

I find most people want to identify with the sheep. We want Jesus to be our Good Shepherd Who lays down His life for us and takes it up again. We have this perception that we want to cling to, especially when we sing Psalm 23 at a Home Going Liturgy.

What would happen if we listened to the words we hear every time we receive Holy Communion? What difference would it make if we were to hear “Behold the Lamb of God” and stopped there and looked at the Bread of Life?

We do not receive the Shepherd. We are receiving the Sheep led to slaughter. We were baptized and became His sheep. When we are confirmed we become His Shepherds – sent both to those who belong and to those who do not belong.

The Body of Christ I hold up for you to receive, the Body I hold up for myself to receive, I am asked to be sent to His children in Jesus' name. We are sent –as Christ's Ambassadors of Reconciliation. We are sent to forgive and invite those we love to forgive.

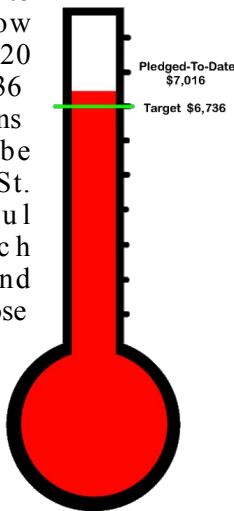
Fallen human nature is blind to this way of seeing. Jesus was sent to bring this vision into the hearts of sinful people like you and me. He was rejected for forgiving. The builders said life cannot survive by forgiving. But it is the cornerstone of our Church!

The alternative way of seeing and living is violence – either actual or potential. The fear of death too often is used to control life. You and I are chosen to do what St. Peter did. To heal the hurting – to forgive and encourage others to forgive. It takes common sense to protect the innocent. But it takes spiritual sense to forgive the guilty. Will we?

2020 Catholic Services Appeal
WE DID IT!!

Congratulations to all! We have now surpassed our 2020 CSA target of \$6,736 by \$280! That means that \$140 will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, which provides food and other services to those most in need in our parish community.

Thank you to all who have donated to the CSA Campaign.



13th Annual
Urban Parish Spirit Awards
Wednesday, April 28, 2021
6:30 P.M.
Sacred Heart Church
 1000 Eliot St. | Detroit, Michigan 48207
 (I-75 and Mack Ave.)
"Celebrating the Spirit of the Church in the City"
 Presented by:
 The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance's Urban Parish Coalition
 & the Archdiocesan Office for Cultural Ministries

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the event will be limited to pastors, awardees and invited guests. All others can view the awards from the Alliance's webpage: www.dcpasite.com

Congratulations, Willetta and Larry

Congratulations to the 2021 recipients of St. Peter Claver's Parish Spirit Award. - Willetta and Larry Rhodes. Willetta and Larry have been parishioners of St. Peter Claver/Precious Blood for some 60 years. They have been, and continue to be, involved in virtually all facets of parish life - worship, finance, catechesis, Parish Council, etc. The awards ceremony will be this Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. (see flyer to the left). Note that due to COVID-19, attendance at the ceremony will be highly restricted - **by invitation only!** However, you can support Willetta and Larry via Zoom. A link will be provided on the parish website. Please join in thanking Willetta and Larry for their years of service to our parish.

Our Mission Statement

Having reflected on the "four faces of our parish," **St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**, chosen by the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and under the guidance of Mary, resolves that: 1) we will provide more opportunities for deepening prayer life and faith life for youth, young adults, and adults; 2) we will initiate efforts to reach out and re-connect with those individuals and families who have disconnected from the Church; 3) we will collaborate with other faith communities and organizations within our parish to offer ecumenical events/activities (e.g., neighborhood clean-ups, prayer meetings, health fairs); and, 4) we will utilize resources within our parish community to advocate for education and to promote social justice issues.

Celebrating Our Confirmation!

This Pentecost (May 23), we will take an opportunity to celebrate being Confirmed Catholic Christians - chosen to be sent! Fr. John has asked each parishioner to provide her/his confirmation name and date. If you cannot recall one or both, you can obtain the information by contacting the church where you were confirmed, or the church where you were baptized. If you need assistance, please contact Ed Shea. Also, please provide your confirmation information to Ed by phone, mail, or email.



"The Chosen" TV Series Bible Study

Beginning next week, St. Scholastica will be offering "The Chosen" TV Series Bible Study.

Season 1 will begin on Tuesday April 27th at 7:00pm

Season 2 will begin on Thursday April 29th at 7:00pm

"The Chosen" is a powerful television series that depicts the life of Christ. The viewings will take place in the Parish offices every Tuesday and Thursday for 8 weeks. Socially distanced seating is limited and all attendees will be required to wear masks at all times. You can also participate through Zoom and study aids are available for purchase at: <https://thechosengifts.com/collections/best-sellers/products/bible-study-guide-what-does-it-mean-to-be-chosen>

Registration is required and can be done through our website <https://scholastica.church/the-chosen-tv-series> or by calling the Parish office (313) 531-0140.

St. Scholastica will be using media with permission of "The Chosen" - <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen>. You can also Pay It Forward to help fund future seasons of the show - <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen/pif>.

You can watch an Official Trailer of "The Chosen" at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-AJdKty74Mn>.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Grady & Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Terrence Tidwell, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

May 2, 2021

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Sandra Horn

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver via Conference Call
Monday	6:30 pm	Finance Council via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Vicariate Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College
For the "live" Parish Calendar, go to spcccdetroit.org

Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. Please send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!

Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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website: www.spcccdetroit.org

Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church
(Check the bulletin for holy days and special services)

Reconciliation: Before Mass or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Parish Staff is currently working from home. Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

Reverend John Phelps, C.Ss.R., Pastor

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